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SUBJECT: MBFR-ACCREDITATION OF ALLIED DELEGATIONS

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SUMMARY: AT JULY 23 SENIOR POLADS MEETING, BELGIAN REP (WILLOT) BROUGHT COMMITTEE UP TO DATE ON LATEST TALKS WITH AUSTRIANS ON METHOD OF ACCREDITATION, STATUS OF SCHOTTENRING BUILDING, AND AUSTRIAN REQUEST THAT MBFR PARTICIPANTS ASSUME COST OF CONFERENCE. END SUMMARY.

1. REPORTING FURTHER ON DISCUSSIONS WITH AUSTRIAN AUTHORITIES, WILLOT ADVISED THAT POLES HAD INFORMED AUSTRIANS THAT METHOD OF ACCREDITATION OUTLINED REFTEL WAS ACCEPTABLE TO WARSAW PACT PARTICIPANTS. AUSTRIANS TOLD BELGIANS THAT MEMBERS OF CONFIDENTIAL

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MBFR DELEGATIONS COULD EITHER BE LISTED SEPARATELY IN DIPLOMATIC LIST AS PART OF NATIONAL EMBASSIES OR COULD BE INCLUDED IN SEPARATE DIPLOMATIC LIST WHICH WOULD NOT HAVE TO BE PUBLISHED UNLESS MBFR PARTICIPANTS SO DESIRED. (COMMENT:

WHICH OF TWO ALTERNATIVES DOES WASHINGTON PREFER? END COMMENT).
AUSTRIANS REITERATED THEIR INSISTENCE THAT REPRESENTATIVES
OF IS AND IMS SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN DIPLOMATIC LIST UNDER
NATIONAL EMBASSIES AND THAT SAME PROCEDURE WOULD BE FOLLOWED
IF ANY REPRESENTATIVES OF WARSAW PACT, AS AN ORGANIZATION,
APPEARED FOR TALKS.

2. WILLOT ALSO INFORMED SPC THAT PROSPECTS FOR OBTAINING
SCHOTTENRING BUILDING APPEARED "POOR". UNIVERSITY OF
VIENNA, HE SAID, WAS PRESSING FOR IMMEDIATE POSSESSION OF
BUILDING FOR ITS THEOLOGICAL FACULTY. WHILE AUSTRIANS WERE
STUDYING MATTER "AT GOVERNMENTAL LEVEL," AUSTRIAN OFFICIALS
SUGGESTED TO BELGIANS THAT ALLIES BEGIN LOOK FOR ANOTHER
BUILDING.

3. IN CONCLUSION, WILLOT NOTED THAT AUSTRIANS HAD RAISED
QUESTION OF REIMBURSEMENT FOR COSTS OF MBFR CONFERENCE.
AUSTRIANS TOLD BELGIANS THAT IN GOA VIEW, MBFR PARTICIPANTS
SHOULD PAY COSTS CONNECTED WITH TALKS AND SAID THEY WOULD
SO ADVISE POLES. WILLOT SAID BELGIAN REACTION WAS "RESERVED".
AUSTRIANS ALSO PROPOSED THAT MBFR PARTICIPANTS FORM "INTERNATIONAL
SECRETARIAT" WHICH WOULD NEGOTIATE WITH GOA ON ADMINISTRATIVE
QUESTIONS. AUSTRIANS REPORTEDLY COMPLAINED THAT PRESENT
SITUATION IN WHICH GOA MUST NEGOTIATE SEPARATELY WITH
BELGIANS AND POLES WAS UNACCEPTABLE. WILLOT SAID BELGIANS
WERE QUITE "RESERVED" ON THIS PROPOSAL AND HE OFFERED GENERAL
OBSERVATION THAT NOW GOA WAS SURE MBFR TALKS WOULD BE
IN VIENNA, "AUSTRIANS BECOMING LESS AND LESS COOPERATIVE
AND MORE AND MORE DEMANDING." (COMMENT: WILLOT WAS ASKED
EXACTLY WHICH COSTS AUSTRIANS WERE NOW PROPOSING THAT
PARTICIPANTS PAY, BUT HE DID NOT HAVE PRECISE INFORMATION
ON THIS POINT. WE HOPE THAT BELGIANS WILL BE ABLE TO CLARIFY
THIS POINT AT NEXT MEETING OF ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP, AND WE
WILL IN DUE COURSE NEED WASHINGTON'S GUIDANCE ON HOW COSTS
MIGHT BE APPORTIONED AMONG PARTICIPANTS, ASSUMING AUSTRIANS
STICK TO THEIR POSITION. END COMMENT).

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